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SUBJ: SOLZHENITSYN

1. IN THE PAST WEEK ANTI-SOLZHENITSYN ATTACKS HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE CENTRAL POLITICAL PRESS WITH FOCUS SHIFTING TO CULTURAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH CONTINUTED TO ASSAIL THE AUTHOR THROUGH ARTICLES AND LETTERS FROM "OUTRAGES" READERS. MEANWHILE, OVER THE WEEKEND, SOZHENITSYN RESPONDED TO ATTACKS WITH ANOTHER STRONG STATEMENT ISSUED TO WESTERN NEWSMEN AND CARRIED ON THE MAJOR WIRE SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO SOLZHENITSYN'S STATEMENTS THAT HIS AND HIS
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FAMILY'S LIVES ARE BEING THREATENED, THAT HE IS

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RECEIVING SOME DOMESTIC SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF
LETTERS TO HIM AND THE PRESS, AND THAT ONLY WESTERN
PUBLIC OPINION PROTECTS HIM, SOLZHENITSYN DENOUNCED
DISTRIBUTION BY NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY OF "INTERVIEW"
AND LETTER BY MAN WTIH WHOM HE CORRESPONDED DURING
WWII (FOR WHICH BOTH WERE IMPRISONED) AS PART OF
WHOLESALE ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HIM ABROAD. EMBOFF
WAS TOLD BY AMERICAN JOURNALIST THAT NOVOSTI INDEED
WAS TRYING TO PEDAL "INTERVIEW," AT FIRST ATTEMPTING TO
IMPOSE CONDITION THAT IT BE PUBLISHED IN FULL, AND THAT
CHRISTAIN SCIENCE MONITOR MIGHT PUBLISH PART OF IT.

2. EMBASSY'S LOCAL SOURCES CONTINUED TO TALK OVER THE
WEEKEND OF "TENSE ATMOSPHERE" CAUSED BY ANTI-SOLZHENITSYN
CAMPAIGN, EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE INTENISFIED
CAMPAIGN AGAINST UNOFFICIAL WRITERS AND PAINTERS. MUCH
OF THIS TALK IS NOT BASED ON ANYTHING CONCRETE, AND RUMOR
MILL TENDS TO TURN SOMETIMES ISLOATED EVENTS INTO GENERAL
"TRENDS" BUT FACT IS THAT NUMBER OF CULTURAL FIGURES ON
THE FRINGE, WHO ARE USED TO UPS AND DOWNS OF REGIME TREAT-
MENT OF NONCONFORMISTS, SEEM TO BE RUNNING SCARED.
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